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Some see more wood among trees

It's supposed to be a sculpture of a head, but some see another part of the human anatomy instead at Madison Square Park, prompting a new nickname for the popular park. Why are New Yorkers seeing sex everywhere they look? (page 02)

Cops ready city's riot response division

► Post-London riots, NYPD's Disorder Control Unit does trial run ► 180 officers descend on Randall's Island ► Horseback and aviation units, too (page 02)

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Jets open preseason sans Plax

► Ringmaster Rex brings Gang Green circus to Houston (page 19)

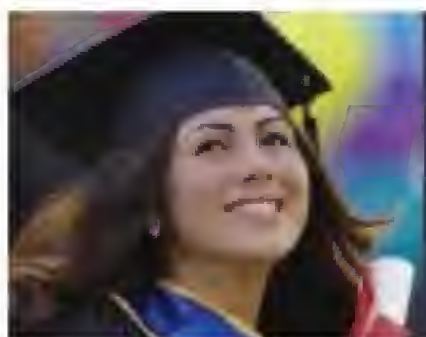



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NYPD riot units conduct drills

NEW YORK. In the wake of the London riots, the NYPD Disorder Control Unit held a "mobilization exercise" on Randall's Island on Friday to rehearse its response should out-of-control riots break out here, Metro has learned.

Approximately 180 po-

lice officers total from each borough's task force, including the horseback and aviation units, came out for the drill, according to police.

"The London response wasn't that great — they were outnumbered and taken by surprise," said

Mike Codella, a retired NYPD detective. When he was on the force, riot drills happened once a year at most, he said.

The training exercise comes the same week the NYPD has stepped up its monitoring of social media, used to organize may-

Quoted

"The London response wasn't that great — they were outnumbered and taken by surprise." CODELLA

hem across England and also to coordinate teen mobs in Philadelphia.

Police will now troll sites like Twitter and Facebook for suspicious activity, gang feuds and house parties as part of a new juvenile justice unit.

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Manhattan's inner manhood exposed

► Madison Square home to phallic art ► Piece creates new nickname for park ► It's just because New Yorkers are repressed, says one therapist

Some folks just can't help but see sex in this city: A recently erected sculpture in Madison Square Park has been turning heads for all the wrong reasons.

Murray Hill resident Joe Schmidt, 59, walks his pooch daily at the dog run in the park and noticed that the oblong art installation of a child's head actually resembles another body part.

"The side with a face looks like a face," said Schmidt. "But without that it looks like something else." Schmidt and a handful of his friends have rebranded the public space "dildo park."

"We make fun of it. It's just such a phallic piece," said Schmidt. "God bless the artist who did it."

A spokesperson for Madison Square Park insisted that the art piece by Jaume Plensa is explicitly not sexu-

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al and maintains it's just supposed to look like a 9-year-old girl. It was based on the Greek myth of the mountain nymph Echo.

But in the right light, any one of NYC's iconic buildings can resemble the male member, says psychotherapist Jonathan Alpert. He calls it just another circumstance of city living.

"New York City is one big projection test," said Alpert. "The otherwise ambiguous stimuli such as skyscrapers and sculptures reveal hidden emotions. This isn't surprising, given that New Yorkers are so sexually repressed."

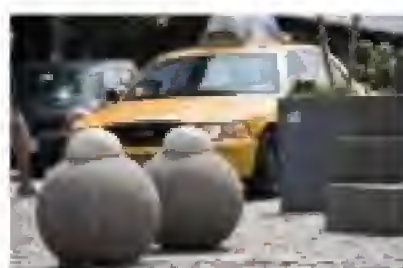


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Two can play at this game

NEW YORK. It's more than just the male anatomy spotted in city structures: Last week, concrete globes in the Meatpacking District made headlines after shop owners wanted the "breasts" removed.

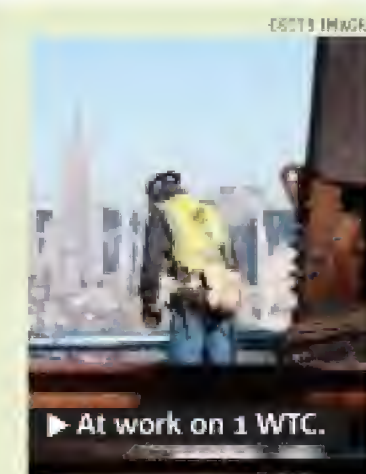
"They do look slightly



like boobs," admitted Shiorily Paulino, 21, a manager at Meatpacking staple Carte Blanche. "But I don't have a problem with that." ● METRO/EAE



► "After a while, everything starts to trigger sexual thoughts," said therapist Jonathan Alpert. "The Empire State Building, Chrysler Building, Lady Liberty's flaming torch." What about the Flatiron Building, above?



► At work on 1 WTC.

WTC workers drinking on the job

GROUND ZERO. World Trade Center construction workers are taking boozy lunch breaks. Hardhats have been spotted by the New York Post at Irish bars in the neighborhood, where they throw back beers and shots of whiskey. One was even spied downing a pint glass nearly full of vodka. The workers then stumble back to work. ● METRO/CB

Schumer wants plant checks

WASHINGTON, D.C. New York Sen. Charles Schumer is demanding that all electric, water and utility plants require FBI background checks for employees granted access to sensitive areas. Right now, only nuclear power plants are required to conduct FBI background checks. ● METRO/CB

In the news

Hobos call Ann Curry's pad home

A \$2.9 million Upper West Side townhouse owned by "Today" co-host Ann Curry has become a haven for homeless squatters. On West 71st Street, it's currently vacant as Curry planned to renovate it but construction has since stalled.

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► NYPD officer Patrick Luca, center, worked in the force's recruitment unit.

NYPD cop dies in boating accident

- Son found bobbing alone in Long Island Sound
- Investigators still scratching their heads over cause

A sunny day of kayaking for a New York City police officer and his young son turned deadly Friday in a bizarre boating accident that has left investigators puzzled.

NYPD officer Patrick Luca, 41, a 21-year veteran cop who worked out of police headquarters in Lower Manhattan, took his 5-year-old son out for a routine kayaking trip at 1:30 Friday afternoon in Long Island Sound, near his Smithtown, Long Island, home.

At approximately 2:45 p.m. that same day,

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passers-by on a motorboat found the officer's son, alive and bobbing in Smithtown Bay near the mouth of the Nissequogue River. The boy was wearing a life jacket, and was scared and shivering. The kayak was found 500 yards away.

After a search, Luca's body was found at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, two miles away and floating face-

down in Smithtown Bay. He wasn't wearing a life jacket.

Luca was an experienced swimmer and often took his son kayaking, according to reports. There were items found in the small boat, leading police to believe the kayak didn't capsize on the calm day.

All the boy could tell police was he watched his father "go down" into the water, according to the Daily News.



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Woman raped in UES apt.

UPPER EAST SIDE. A 27-year-old woman was sexually assaulted in her apartment on East 90th Street early Saturday morning, according to reports.

The rapist is believed to have broken in through a window, according to police, and neighbors heard scream-

ing just after 5 a.m. Saturday. The woman fled into the hallway, where her super found her, and her attacker ran out the front door.

The attack comes only days after a man was arrested for groping women on the Upper East Side as they walked to and from the subway. Citywide, rape is up 10 percent, with 788 rapes occurring through August of 2010, compared to 872 so far this year. **• METRO/CB**

Cops: Fatal cabbie brawl

QUEENS. A livery driver is accused of stabbing a fellow cabbie to death after the two fought over a fare from Long Island, according to the New York Post. William Mena, 32, was murdered Friday night in a parking lot in North Hempstead about three hours after he got into a heated argument with Christopher Heron, 35, of Jamaica, Queens. Heron was charged with second-degree murder. **• METRO/EAE**



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Pawlenty exits White House race

Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty became the first major casualty in the presidential campaign yesterday while fellow Republicans Michelle Bachmann and Rick Perry built momentum in the race. Pawlenty, once seen as a strong contender for the Republican nomination, dropped out a day after a disappointing showing in Iowa's straw poll, a key early test of strength among his party's candidates. **REUTERS**

State fair. Deadly collapse



► Sugarland tweeted about the incident, saying: "We are all right. We are praying for our fans and the people of Indianapolis. We hope you'll join us. They need your strength."

Five dead in stage collapse at fair

Five people died Saturday night in the collapse of an outdoor concert stage at the Indiana State Fair; more than 40 people were injured. The collapse occurred just minutes before the country duo Sugarland was set to begin performing. Concert officials had informed spectators the show might have to be postponed due to the winds, but a strong gust blew the stage over before any official evacuation order was issued. **REUTERS**

Pakistan lets China in on chopper

Pakistan gave China access to the previously unknown "stealth" helicopter that crashed during the commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden in May despite explicit requests from the CIA not to, the Financial Times reported yesterday.

The revelation, if confirmed, is likely to further shake the U.S.-Pakistan relationship, which has been improving slightly after hitting its lowest point in decades following the May 2 bin Laden raid.

During the raid, one of two modified Blackhawk helicopters — believed to employ unknown stealth capability — malfunctioned and crashed, forcing the

commandos to abandon it.

"The U.S. now has information that Pakistan, particularly the ISI, gave access to the Chinese military to the downed helicopter in Abbottabad," the paper quoted a person "in intelligence circles" as saying.

Pakistan, which enjoys a close relationship with China, allowed Chinese intelligence officials to take pictures of the crashed chopper as well as take samples of its special "skin" that allowed the American raid to evade Pakistani radar, the newspaper reported.

Pakistan's top spy agency denied the report. **REUTERS**

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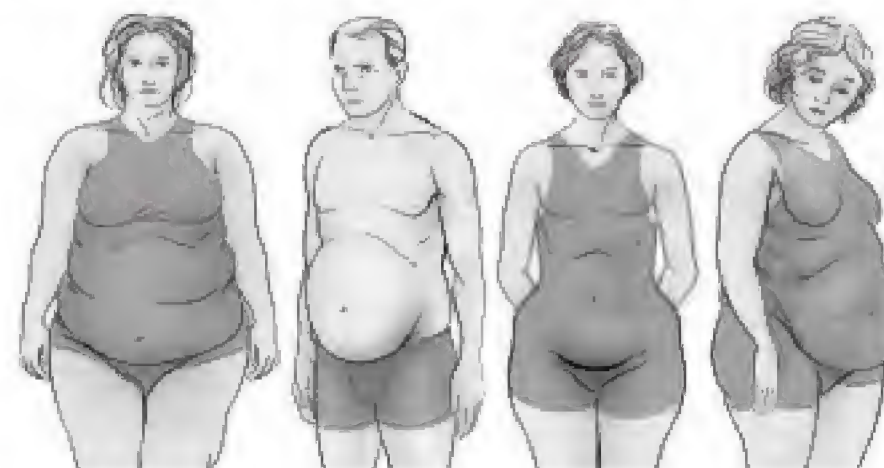
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The hornets nest


Both schools vehemently denied claims of misleading potential students as a means of filling seats.

James Thelen, Cooley's general counsel and associate dean for legal affairs, said the school already filed its own suit against the law firm's lawyers for defamation when they began their investigation last month. "We understand that three of the four named plaintiffs have established and are working in their own law firms," Thelen said.

If you graduate from law school but struggle to get a job, whose fault is it? According to a New York City law firm, it could be your school's fault.

Kurzon Strauss LLP has filed class action lawsuits against New York Law School and Thomas M. Cooley Law School for exaggerating postgraduate employment and salary rates in order to recruit students. Seven former students who graduated from either NYLS or Thomas Cooley are behind the suit.

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plaintiffs, struggle to purchase a home, raise a family and make investments because they leveraged their

future to a law school based on inaccurate information," said Jesse Strauss, a Kurzon Strauss partner. "It is time for the legal academy to own up to this problem."

It's no secret that the job market is bleak, no matter the degree you hold. However, these lawsuits say the schools actually reported inaccurate data about their students' employment prospects by classifying graduates as "full-time" when in fact they only had part-time or temporary positions.

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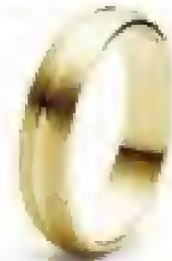
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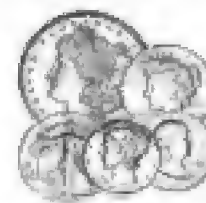
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► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

50 Cent is getting around, Patrick Schwarzenegger is apparently too good for Harvard, Justin Bieber is hitting the books and Joan Rivers is dispelling rumors.

► **@50cent**
I'm traveling to Cannes and writing music today

► **@PSchwarzenegger**
Just visited Harvard university. Great college but I'm not adding it to the list. Stanford, USC, Penn, Georgetown are my tops for now.

► **@Justinbieber**
summertime...saturday...and i got school. sweet

► **@Joan_Rivers**
There is NO WAY that Bert and Ernie are gay. They haven't changed their outfits in 25 years.



50 Cent

The Game instructs: Prank tha police?

The Game is so tough, so street and so hard that he shows it by ... pranking the Compton police station?

On Friday, the Compton native sent out a message on his Twitter account encouraging his 580,000 followers to call a posted number if they wanted an internship. The phone number was really the official help line for the Compton

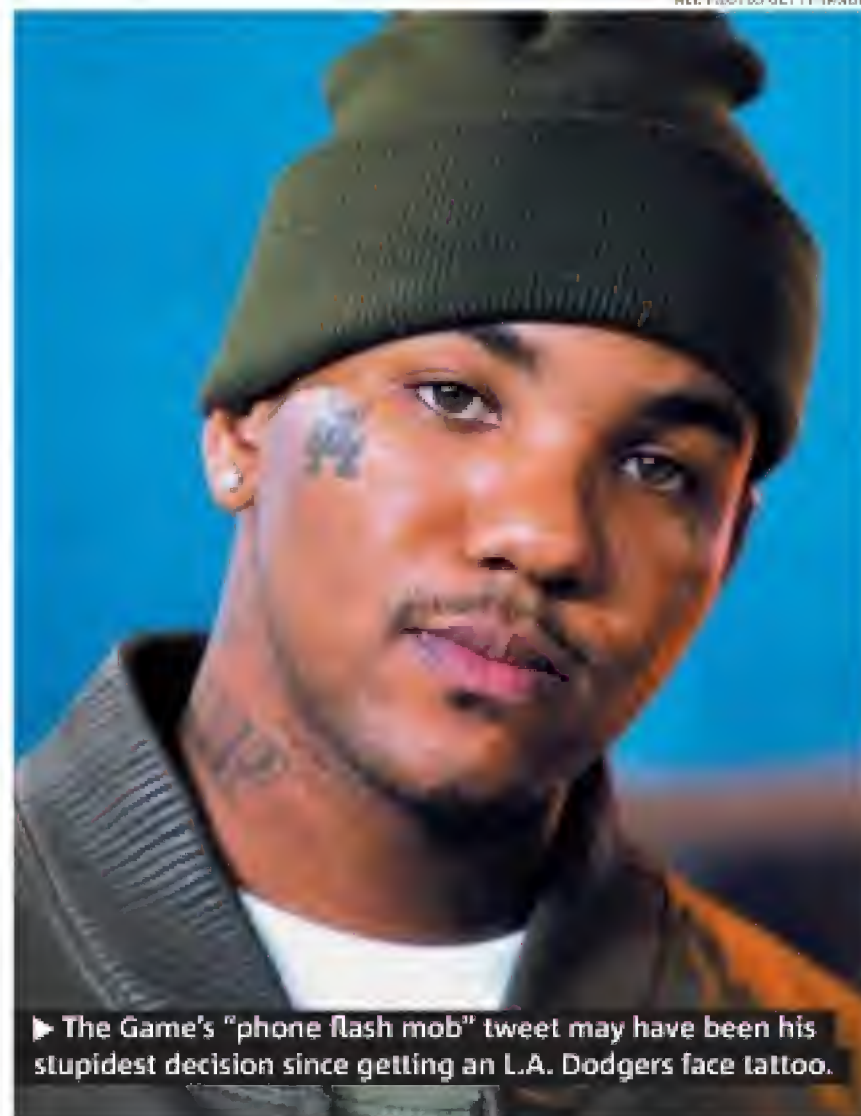
sheriff's station.

"It was almost like a symphony of misery. You've got a multitude of phones ringing simultaneously," said headquarters bureau Capt. Mike Parker to the L.A. Times about the prank, which he likened to a "phone flash mob." During the three-hour cascade of calls asking about the internship, the police station also took legit calls about a missing person, a spousal abuse incident, two robberies and a stolen vehicle, per the Times. Parker, who figured out what was happening rather early, tweeted **The Game** to have him take down the post, to which the rapper replied:

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► **The Game's** "phone flash mob" tweet may have been his stupidest decision since getting an L.A. Dodgers face tattoo.

"Yall can track a tweet down but cant solve murders ! Dat was an accident but maybe now yall can actually do yall job."

Is it me or is it hard to do your job when you're fielding thousands of bogus calls about a fake internship? In

my day, illiterate rappers settled their stupid, meaningless scores with illegally obtained weapons, not their Twitter accounts. Next thing you know, Suge Knight is going to start calling 911 to ask them if their fridge is running.

Can Myers still fit into those Powers pants?

If, during the U.K. riots, you thought: "If only Austin Powers were still around" (note: I'm pretty sure none of you thought that), rest assured! **Mike Myers** has signed a deal to star in a fourth "Austin Powers" movie, according to HitFix. There's no word on whether **Jay Roach**, who directed the first three films, will be returning as well. Myers' last live-action starring role was in 2008's "The Love Guru," which was a critical and commercial failure.

Great. Just when people stopped saying, "Yeah, baby!" as a non-hilarious catchphrase, it rears its ugly head again.



Talking points

Her therapist takes Visa?

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly started therapy for her issues, as ordered by the court — and just in time, as the deadline for the troubled actress to start treatment is later this week, according to E! Online. During a court appearance last month, Lohan had told the judge she was trying to find the cash to pay for therapy. In response, the judge told

Lohan's lawyer that the actress "needs to find an individual therapist that takes a credit card."

Welcome, Penelope Athena!

"30 Rock" star **Tina Fey** and husband **Jeff Richmond** welcomed their second daughter last week, her rep confirms to Us Weekly. Penelope Athena was born Aug. 10, joining her big sister, 5-year-old Alice. Fey wrote in her memoir, "Bossypants," that she felt compelled to give Alice a sibling: "I thought that raising an on-



Tina Fey

ly child would be the norm in Manhattan, but my daughter is the only child in her class without a sibling. Most kids have at least two," she wrote. "Who will be my daughter's family when my husband and I are dead from stress-induced cankers? She must have a sibling."

Hilary Duff is pregnant

Hilary Duff and husband **Mike Comrie** are expecting their first baby, Duff, 23, announced on her website yesterday. The post —

which celebrated her one-year anniversary to the Pittsburgh Penguins player — exclaimed, "We also want to share the exciting news that...BABY MAKES THREE!!! We are extremely happy and ready to start this new chapter of our lives." In a recent interview with Metro, the star said she wanted to wait to start a family. "We've only been married a year, and he plays hockey so he's away from September to April, and we don't really get that much time together. So we're looking to wait. I still want to work more," she told us. Looks like she changed her mind?

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These stars were paid to appear in Las Vegas over the weekend

1: Pauly D finally found women with more makeup than Snookie while DJing at "A Midsummer Night's Dream: Enchanted Lingerie Masquerade" at Palms Pool & Bungalows on Saturday.

2: Pauly D had to compete against the skills of Nick Cannon, who was spinning tunes on the same night at the Planet Hollywood Resort.

3: Joe Jonas celebrated his birthday at HAZE Nightclub at ARIA in CityCenter on Saturday. Nice matching bracelet and

necklace set, Joe!

4: Leonard Nimoy thrilled his legions of fans at the Official Star Trek Convention at the Rio Las Vegas Hotel & Casino on Saturday. It is very doubtful they went to party with Pauly D and Nick Cannon afterwards.

5: Carmen Electra hosted a party at the Azure pool at The Palazzo.

6: Steve Harvey (pictured here with wife Marjorie) hosted the ninth annual Ford Hoodie Awards at the Mandalay Bay Events Center on Saturday. The Hoodie Awards recognizes nontraditional small businesses, educators and community leaders.

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'Teen Wolf'

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► Gloria Steinem is the subject of "Gloria: In Her Own Words," premiering tonight at 9 on HBO.

Steinem is still fighting

► Women's rights activist Gloria Steinem says 'the movement is young' ► She recalls her life in the new film, 'Gloria: In Her Own Words'

No word quite describes Gloria Steinem like "fighter." A driving force behind the modern women's liberation movement, Steinem shares her struggles — those for gender equality, as well as the strife of her early days and later, a battle against breast cancer — in the new HBO film, "Gloria: In Her Own Words." One message of the documentary: The fight isn't over yet.

"If you think of the suffragists [or] abolitionists, movements have to last

about 100 years to be really absorbed into a culture," Steinem says. "And we're about 40 some years into [women's rights]. So I don't know how to break it to you, but I would say we have, like, 60 years to go."

But take heart, activists: "I'm old, but the movement is young," the 77-year-old insists. "So I hope people take encouragement from this documentary."

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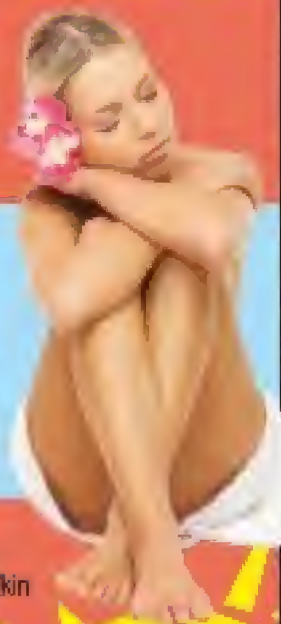
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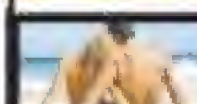
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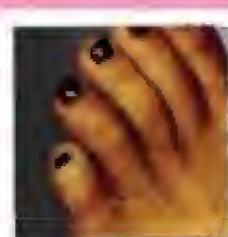
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Ups and downs

Steinem calls her embodiment of the women's rights movement "a gift."

"I'm not crazy enough to think that it was about one person," she explains. "But because I symbolize it, I get the stories. People will say to me, 'Oh, I want to tell you what happened and how my life has changed.' It is amazing."

Of course, Steinem still has her share of detractors.

"I remember some guy saying to me on the street, 'I employ 20 women, and I pay them half what I pay men. If I had to pay them more, I'd fire them. What do you think of that?'" she recalls. "So I say, 'What's your name? You've broken the law. What's your name?' Mostly I get attacked by people that if they liked me, I'd know I was doing something wrong."

Box office



► Apes have taken over Earth — and the box office.

'Apes' rises to second weekend's box-office win

Sci-fi movie "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" hung on to the top spot at the weekend box office for the second week in a row, according to studio estimates released yesterday.

The revival of the "Planet of the Apes" franchise pulled in an estimated \$27.5 million at U.S. and Canadian the-

aters over three days, distributor 20th Century Fox said.

Civil Rights-era drama "The Help" finished a strong second with \$25.5 million in domestic ticket sales over three days.

Horror flick "Final Destination 5" landed in third place with \$18.4 million.

"Final Destination 5" was released by Warner Bros., a unit of Time Warner Inc. Walt Disney Co. distributed "The Help," which was produced by DreamWorks. **REUTERS**

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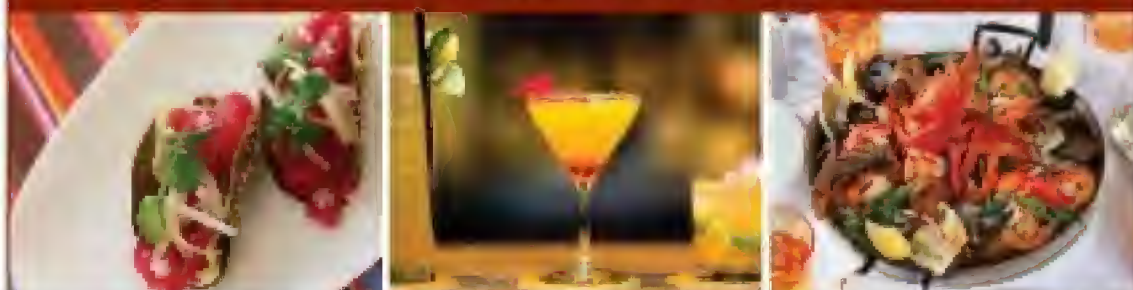
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How to make it in TINSELTOWN

◆ New book goes behind the scenes with 30 insiders, from stuntwomen to executive producers to Chihuahua trainers ◆ Why the unorthodox industry might be a fit for you

If you're an aspiring actor, you already know there's most likely a cross-country career trip in your future. (What you don't know: Your 1991 Honda Civic is going to hit Ohio and decide to settle down.)

But from makeup artists to on-set tutors, there is a huge team of professionals required to keep the machine moving. In their book — the just-released "Hire Me, Hollywood!" — industry vets Mark Scherzer and

Keith Fenimore profile 30 insiders, providing start-up tips and behind-the-scenes info along the way.

"This book is proof that you do have a chance," says Fenimore. "You can get your foot in the door with no experience [and] no connections and be successful. We're not trying to say it's a how-to book — it's a how-did book."

Whether you want to write for "The Daily Show" or design "Dancing With the Stars" costumes, here

are three breaking-in tips.

Go to Los Angeles — at first, at least

Both Scherzer and Fenimore now work in New York after paying their dues in L.A., where there are more openings for wannabe red-carpet pundits. "In Los Angeles, there are a lot of opportunities. If you're looking to get the most bang for your buck, it's the place to be," says Scherzer.

Be your determined,

slightly inappropriate self

Unlike conventional fields, the entertainment industry is fueled by characters, and is tolerant — even welcoming — of the newbie with a slightly offbeat approach to getting hired. "In Hollywood, mistakes are what get you hired," says Fenimore. "You don't crash interviews on Wall Street — you just don't do that — but sets are a different story."

Take any job, and then take it seriously

While there is room for the inexperienced, Hollywood is still "who you know." Which is why Scherzer recommends putting in the hours once you land a job as an assistant's assistant. "You want to be the first one on the set and the last one to leave," he says. "You're often asked to do menial jobs, but you do it with a great attitude because it's all about relationships."



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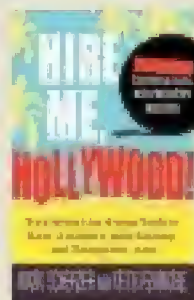
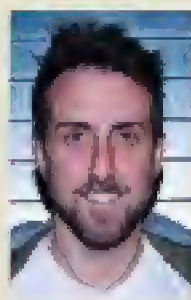
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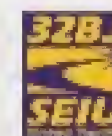
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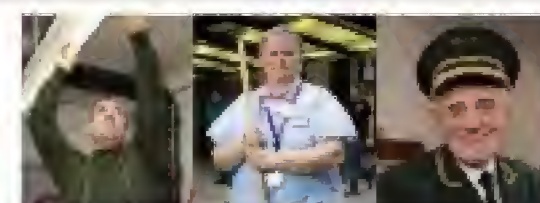
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Breaking your work addiction

► Being a workaholic doesn't just have a negative impact on your personal life — it could also harm your career

When you're already prone to workaholism, living in the smartphone decade doesn't help. If you don't take a step back to draw boundaries between the conference room and the living room, work life-coach Sue Thompson warns, you could sacrifice your free will to a phone.

"We no longer have a work life and a home life," she says. "We have a life and we really need to decide how we want to live that life."

It's important to make

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the time to ask yourself that existential question, agrees Careers By Design founder Shirin Khamisa.

"Look at your habits, get a reality check," she says. "Is the way you're functioning really serving you? If you're texting at the dinner table, how is that affecting your interaction with your family? If you're a young, single person, how does al-

ways being connected affect your personal life?"

Keeping your thumbs surgically attached to the phone could hurt more than your dating career, she notes. It could destroy your actual career. Ask yourself: Is it truly worth hammering away into the deep night, before slumping to work the next morning tired, hollow and ineffective?

"Start thinking in terms of results," she urges.

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► In the long run, late nights don't pay off.

Create a 'switch'

Trouble disconnecting? Create what career counselor Courtney Anderson calls "a mental switch."

► "Take that switch and say 'I'm off, I'm logging off,'" she recommends. "Take personal time. Otherwise, with technology, it's possible to be always working."

Change your clothes

"Dress professionally for work," Thompson offers. "That way, when you get home and you take off those clothes, that's your psychological barrier that shows you're at home."

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The benefit of living in dorms

► They're cramped and noisy, and a party is never more than two doors away ► But surprisingly, living in the quad could help you study and boost your GPA

Plenty of studies have shown that students who live on campus tend to do slightly better academically. But a recent study out of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis found that not only did on-campus students do significantly better academically, but that living on campus was a big reason why they did better.

"The big question is causation. Does living in the dorms cause you to do better?" explains Dr. James

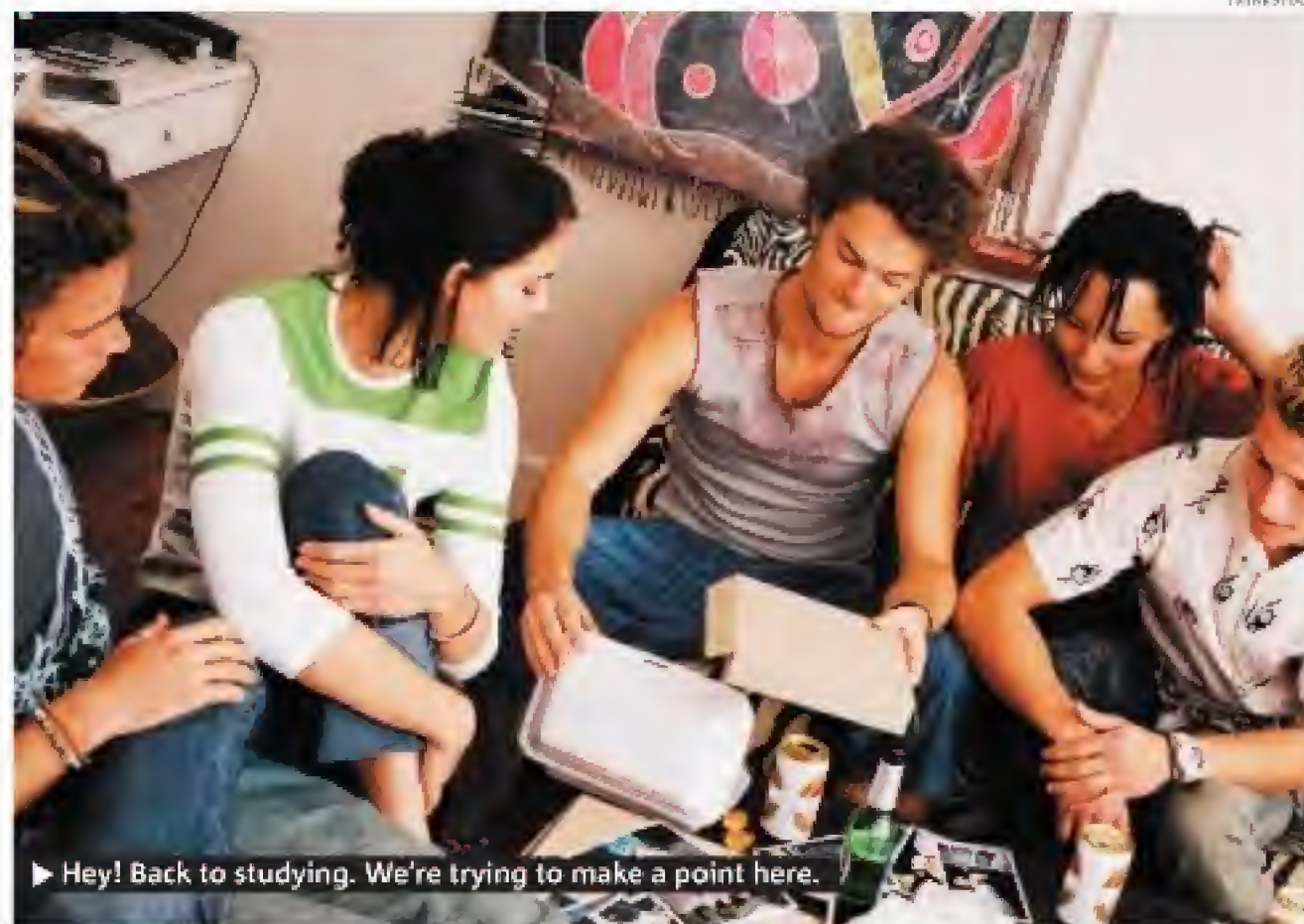
Murray, who co-authored the study with Dr. Pedro De Araujo. "The problem is that students that care more about school may be more likely to want to live at school. So, they may perform better, because they happen to be the better students anyway. But we actually found that living on campus caused students to do better."

The researchers also found that campus life had a positive effect even after the student moved out.

"Students who once lived on campus were more likely to study with their peers after they moved off campus, but not necessarily while they lived on campus," explains Murray. "If you're a freshman living on campus, you're not more likely to study with your classmates, but you formed those relationships in the early years and were able to make use of them later."



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► Hey! Back to studying. We're trying to make a point here.

On-campus housing helps in the long run

Just one year on campus could have a positive

effect for years to come.

"If administrators are looking at the impact dorms are having on student performance, they shouldn't just look at how students are doing when

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JIM WURSTER, VIA E-MAIL

Hogtoberfest is barbarism

RE: "AN ISLAND OF THEIR OWN": One day Nantucket will consider Hogtoberfest as "cruel and outdated" as whaling. Hogs and pigs are kept in such inhumane conditions that they're driven insane. Many are sold off and tortured in the name of science and defense.

ROSA MICHNYA, VIA E-MAIL

Tea Party: Then and now

In 1787, the United States faced many problems — including a large debt

from years of war. It wasn't that there insufficient wealth to support repayment; it was that the dysfunctional central government couldn't collect taxes to pay with. The solution was to create a strong federal government that could meet our obligations. The original Boston Tea Party helped reject monarchy and move us forward to the Articles of Confederation. The current "Tea Party" movement claims to be the same, but it's the opposite: rejecting the Constitution and moving us backward to the Articles of Confederation.

DAN WYLLIE-SEARS, VIA E-MAIL

Blind leading the morons?

Someone must think the morons are a bunch of morons if someone thinks the morons think that anyone is interested in negotiating with the morons nowadays.

EDWARD HANLEY, VIA E-MAIL

It's the haves vs. the halves

This is just more of the same: The poor stay poor and the rich get even richer. The average working person that pays taxes with a salary of pennies has to bail out banks, and now we have to pay for this double recession. The rich are still hoarding wealth while most of the U.S. struggles to put food on the table.

ERIC SMITH, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Try to see the whole picture before getting involved in a business negotiation. With the facts at your disposal, you're likely to make the right decision without a lot of rehashing.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't team up with someone who isn't as enthusiastic about an endeavor as you are. This person could easily pour cold water on your efforts at the first sign of trouble.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Do not allow outside influences to rush you into anything you haven't had time to consider. Take the necessary time to think through all of your alternatives before putting your plans into action.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. Even if an assignment you've mapped out for yourself doesn't come off in accordance with your schedule, by continuing to persist you should be able to accomplish your aims.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. A little change of venue could do you a world of good. Plan to do something different with people you rarely see who fit comfortably into checking out what's new.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. The best way to finalize something im-

portant is to allow it to proceed at its natural pace. Attempting to rush it could get matters off course.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Enjoy yourself without bruising your wallet. It's one of those days when you don't need expensive diversions in order to have fun.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Rather than depend on someone else to always pick most of the bill, even if this person can afford it, be prepared to chip in a reasonable share. It'll do wonders.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. There's a chance you could be somewhat of a dreamer and let your attention wander off. Strive to pay attention.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. Social obligations may make a bid for your time, but be your own person and first do what is personally necessary or important.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. You have a tendency to start one thing but then jump onto another before you completed the first. Don't let that habit cause you to end up with too many unfinished projects.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. The best way to make an important decision is to study it closely and then decide on the solution. Once everything is considered, the answer will be manifest. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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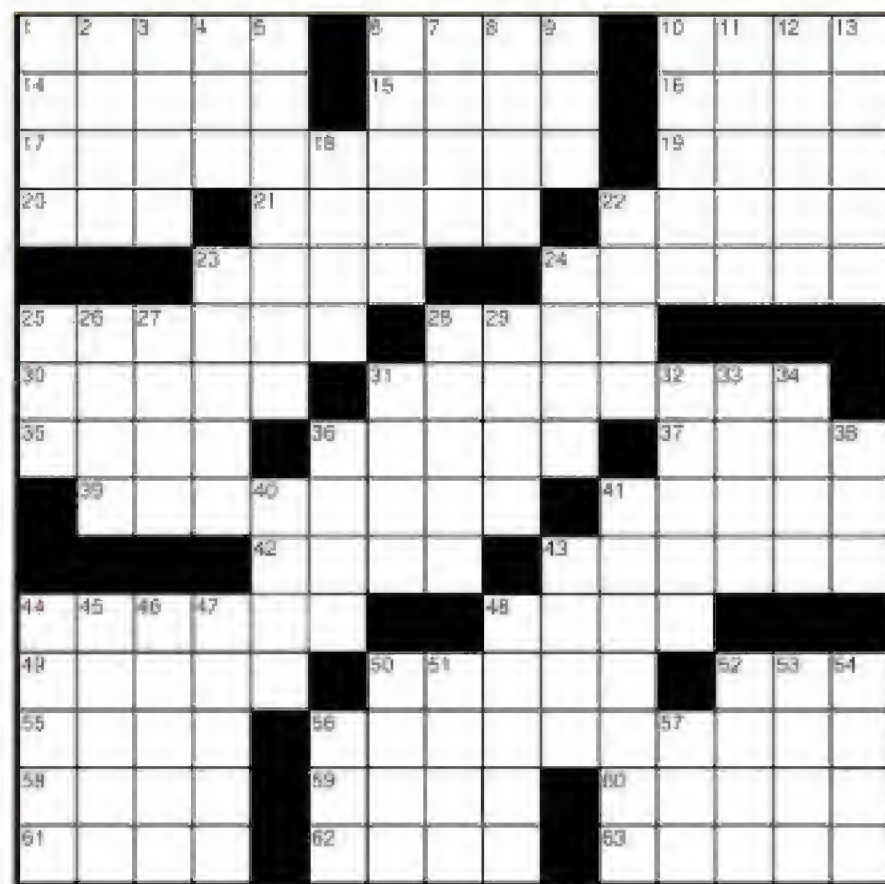


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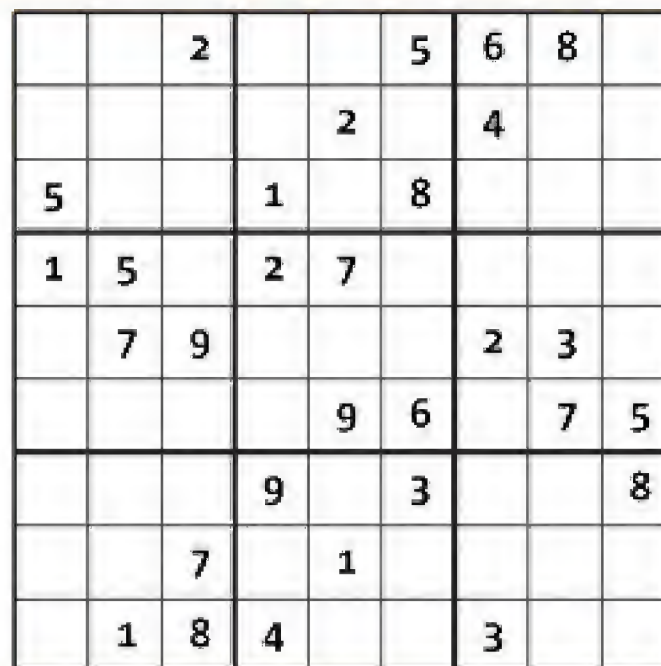
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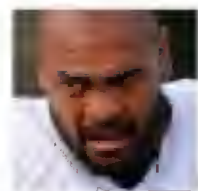
1 You won't be seeing Plaxico Burress

The big signing of the offseason, the 6-foot-5 target wide receiver Plaxico Burress, is being held out of tonight's game with an ankle injury suffered in noncontact work two weeks ago.

Burress still has not participated in contact drills as he continues to get into football shape after two years in prison. Head coach Rex Ryan said Burress got an MRI on Friday and that he'd rejoin the team this Wednesday. Burress wasn't too concerned about that injury. "Just a classic tweak. Nothing serious," Burress said.

2 We are all living in Wayne's World

Versatile offensive lineman Wayne Hunter had to come in and play right tackle for a stretch of games for the injured Damien Woody twice last year.



Hunter was rewarded this offseason with a four-year, \$13 million contract for his willingness to play anywhere along the line, line up for special teams and even some spot duty in goal-line defense situations.

Now Hunter must play consistently game in and game out, something he has never been asked to do.

3 The secondary is now primary

The pursuit of Nnamdi Asomugha is over and failed, but the Jets didn't do too poorly when they reinked Antonio Cromartie to a deal. Cromartie had a rough start to his Jets career, but he showed his value late in the year. While Asomugha would have been devastating opposite Darrelle Revis, the freed-up money allowed the Jets to resign the very solid Eric Smith and bring back some nice depth in Rodney Pool. The secondary should be the deepest and best part of the team.



Texans battling injury bug

NFL. We know Plaxico Burress won't play tonight, but arguably the best receiver in the NFL might not either.



Andre Johnson is recovering from a dislocated finger and the Texans haven't announced whether he'll play. He started practicing Saturday.

Most of the Texans' running back corps is out, however, including Arian Foster and Steve Slaton. **METRO**



The Rex Ryan circus is back in gear.

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NFL news

The Best?



► With Mikel Leshoure now out for the season in Detroit, a healthy **Jahvid Best** is a real threat to catch 80 balls this season. A year ago he averaged 5.12 catches per game. His value is up, especially if you are in a points per reception league.

NFL coaches hate players that are always hurt. When you're in the training room, you can't get better, can't get faster and can't be trusted.

Fantasy owners should have the same feelings toward injured guys. Older players off major injuries should be a red flag. Here are three big-name guys not worth gambling on:

Jones-Drew's knee

Maurice Jones-Drew had meniscus surgery this offseason after doctors diagnosed him with a "bone on bone" condition. Now he's limited in camp, is coming off two straight seasons of 330-plus touches and is on an offense where he's the only real weapon. He's always been a stud, but this year the risk is too great for the first round.

Cold Colston

Marques Colston underwent microfracture surgery this offseason

— the fifth knee surgery of his career. He recently sat out six straight days at Saints camp due to soreness, and it's questionable if he'll be able to regain his athleticism. He didn't play in the team's preseason opener this weekend either. **Robert Meachem**, who has 14 touchdowns over the past two years, is ready to step in if Colston can't do it.

Shaky Gates

Antonio Gates is as tough as they come and the best tight end in the league. He is also still feeling the plantar fasciitis that bothered him last year. No one seems concerned, but the tight end position is so deep. Give me Jason Witten, Jeremichael Finley or Vernon Davis a couple rounds later. Gambling on Gates isn't worth it when there are plenty of safer options out there.



Maurice Jones-Drew had just five touchdowns last year.

NFL training camps

The stock of these three players has gone down:

1 Johnny Knox, WR, CHI — Roy Williams is starting at split end, Devin Hester is at flanker and Earl Bennett is in the slot. Knox has been demoted.

2 Tim Tebow, QB, DEN — After looking lost at practice, Tebow no longer has the support of the locker room. Kyle Orton has won this competition already and will start in Week 1.

3 Chris Cooley, TE, WAS — Cooley is struggling to regain health after off-season knee surgery. He will also be catching passes from either John Beck or Rex Grossman behind a woeful offensive line.

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